

PUBLIC HEARINGS

July 23, 2012

Public Hearings were held on Monday, **July 23, 2012**, at 7:59 p.m., in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, to solicit public comment, written or oral, on **Bills Numbered 12-15 and 12-16** regarding zoning reclassifications.

Present: Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, Council Chairman; Mr. Phillip Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mr. Timothy J. Callanan, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Council Member District No. 3; Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mr. Jack H. Schuriknight, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Catherine Windham, Interim Clerk to Council.

Chairman Daniel Davis: "At this time, I'd like to call County Council to order for the purpose of Public Hearings, and then we'll have our Regular Council Meeting. Madame Clerk, has this meeting been noticed properly, via the Freedom of Information Act?"

Ms. Windham: "Yes, Sir, it has."

Chairman Daniel Davis: "Alright, thank you. We do have a couple Public Hearings, I believe, this evening. I'll find them in a second."

There were no written comments on the bills for Public Hearing.

Bill No. 12-15, an **ordinance** to modify the official Zoning and Development Standards Map of Berkeley County, South Carolina, regarding **Brandy Patterson**, 636 South Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, **TMS #142-14-00-011**, (0.82 ± acre), from **GC, General Commercial District**, to **R-2, Manufactured Residential District**. Council District 8

Chairman Daniel Davis asked if there were any public comments. There being none, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 8:00 p.m.

Bill No. 12-16, an **ordinance** to modify the official Zoning and Development Standards Map of Berkeley County, South Carolina, regarding **Mead Westvaco Camp Hall, LLC**, located in an area of the County bounded by I-26 to the southwest, SC Highway 27 to the west, and Fish Road to the northeast, Summerville, **TMS #157-00-00-003**, (6,781.16 ± acres), from **F-1, Agricultural District**, to **PD-OP/IP, Planned Development Office/Industrial Park District**. Council District 7

Chairman Daniel Davis asked if there were any public comments.

Ms. Varner: "My name is Renee Varner. I live at 1794 Fish Road, and my concern is the traffic that's gonna be around this track of land. I have no problem with the industry. I have no problem with zoning it industry, but the traffic situation needs to be addressed. Everything's up on Pringletown and Fish Road. At this time, we've had no representation as far as that situation is concerned. I think it needs to be looked at. Cypress Campground Road has accesses that's not being utilized. I was told when asked why not, because they had made – Westvaco had made agreement with the people down in that area to preserve that area. I have a problem with that. Our families and our lives are just as important as everybody else's. We deserve the representation. We are not getting it. You need – the traffic situation needs to be looked at. There's accesses that these people can use, and it's not being utilized. There's a bridge down there, an overpass could be utilized. It's not being done. We've not got – there was petitions submitted to the Planning Board that were ignored. Actually, excuse me, made fun of. There are people who are on the Planning Board who lives on Cypress Campground Road. I have a little problem with that in itself. That's pretty much all I have to say. I think it needs to be looked at. The one thing that I have accomplished with this situation, and this is not a threat by no means. We do have it in writing now. It has been brought out in writing that there is concerns with the traffic situation. I was told a long time ago, you can't fight something that's not in writing. God forbid something to happen to anyone in my family because of this traffic situation that's getting ready to come to us, I'm gonna do what I have to do. I will name Berkeley County or whoever else I have to name in this situation. You really need to look at it. There's accesses – these gentlemen paid over \$500,000.00 for a piece of property down on Cypress Campground Road. All of a sudden, they can't utilize it. There's a problem there. So, I really think this needs to be looked at. I don't like, in other words, I don't like the way the people have been treated up in the Pringletown Area or the Fish Road Area with this situation. We deserve representation. That's all I have to say. Thank you, gentlemen."

Chairman Daniel Davis: "Thank you."

Ms. Bowen-Parker: "My name is Pearlean Bowen-Parker, and first, I would like to thank Council for giving me the opportunity to speak. And, I would also like to thank Mead Westvaco for trying to be a good neighbor in this project that they are starting. I own property in the Pringletown Area, and I do have issue with a number of things, but as Ms. Varner said, I know studies are going to be done to take a look at widening the road in the Pringletown Area. And, I don't have an issue with that except for the fact that there are two members, and I'm not gonna call their names. I don't know if that is legal to do so, but they are – which appears to be a conflict of interest, because these individuals live on Cypress Camp Road. And, I was at a meeting when one asked that that road be taken off the table as far as being used to alleviate some of the traffic that's going to come from the new project. And, there were three meetings that Mead Westvaco was kind enough to come out into our community and discuss with us what their plans were, trying to get some input from us. And, the meeting that was conducted at the Pringletown Area, that very same day, there was an accident – one of the people that was coming to the meeting. That's just one example, because there's a lot of accidents that already happens on that road. It's a quiet little community, and widening may help, but when you have a lot of older people living in the community, and they're on opposite sides of 27, of course, they're gonna be walking back and forth, you know, to see their, you know, family members. And, if the road is widened, I think that, you know, there's a lot of things you need to look at as far as

reducing the speed, building in some path, sidewalks, or what have you, along the road, but also, most importantly, the Cypress Campground Road isn't any more important than the road in the Pringletown Area. I think that that area needs to be studied, as well as Highway 27 for possible use in the Camp Hall Tract, and that we should not just overlook it, because there are members that's directly involved, you know, that says, well, that can't be on the table; let's take that off the table, because our lives is just as important in the Pringletown Area as anyone else. I feel a little bit passionate about this, because I think that the people that's gonna be most affected by this site is the ones that it's going to benefit the least, and I say that because industry come in. You have a lot of businesses, what have you. Our taxes will, of course, probably, go up, and one of the members even said at the meeting, you can be assured your taxes are gonna go up, because of the improvement in the area. But, the people that's living in the Pringletown Area, those people, are probably gonna be those that's on the bottom of any hiring list. There's going to be no special consideration given to those people that's going to be affected by this change. And, I know my time is up."

Chairman Daniel Davis: "Alright, thank you."

With there being no further comments on Bill No. 12-16, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 8:09 p.m.

S/Catherine Windham
Interim Clerk to Council

August 27, 2012
Date Approved